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13 September 1955

Mr. Stanley H. Barnes  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

In your letter of August 30, you asked for any further information we are at liberty to disclose respecting the use of WOCs and advisory committees. This must have crossed my letter to you of 1 September forwarding a copy of our letter of 27 August to the House Committee on Government Operations. If the information set forth in that enclosure is not sufficient for your survey, mentioned in your letter of 7 September, of all Executive departments and agencies, please let us know and we would be glad to meet with you or try to answer specific questions. In the meanwhile, we had not considered issuing any new instructions or regulations on the utilization of WOCs, and it is not difficult, therefore, for us to comply with the requirements of your 7 September letter.

In connection with the formulation of uniform instructions to all departments and agencies, we have found in the past that we have frequently had problems in many administrative fields peculiar to this Agency alone which would require considerations in any such Government-wide regulatory material. For this reason we would very much appreciate an opportunity to study any such material before its publication in order to consult with you about any problems that may be involved.

Very truly yours,

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